

Vajasaneyi-Madhyandina-Śukla

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CHAPTER ONE

1. We invoke you O Lord, for food.⁽¹⁾
We invoke you for vigour.⁽²⁾
You are the vital breaths.⁽³⁾
May the creator Lord depute you, O sacrificers, to the
noblest accomplishments.
O cows, may you flourish with the blessings of the
resplendent Lord.
May you be free from disease and consumption and bear
good progeny.
May no thief nor a slaughterer be in possession of you.
May you permanently multiply in large numbers in the
house of the master of cattle.⁽⁴⁾
O Lord, preserve the cattle of the sacrificer.⁽⁵⁾
2. You are the purifier of riches.⁽¹⁾ You are heaven; earth you
are as well.⁽²⁾ You are the warmth of the wind. You
are the sustainer of the world. Remain firm in your supreme
abode. Don't you forsake, nor may the sacrificer forsake
you.⁽³⁾

3. You are the purifier of riches passing down in a hundred streams. You are the purifier of riches in a thousand streams.⁽¹⁾ Let the Creator God purify you with a hundred streamed strainer of riches by purifying means.⁽²⁾ Which of the cows would you like to milk?⁽³⁾

4. That cow is the longevity of all.⁽¹⁾ She is the activity of all.⁽²⁾ She is the nourisher of all as well.⁽³⁾ The share of the resplendent Lord, I hereby curdle with the herbal juice for you.⁽⁴⁾ O omnipresent Lord, protect the materials of sacrifice.⁽⁵⁾

5. O adorable Lord, upholder of vows, I have determined to observe a vow. May I be able to accomplish it with success.⁽¹⁾ Renouncing falsehood, I hereby embrace truth.⁽²⁾

6. Who appoints you? He appoints you. For what does he appoint you? For that he appoints you.⁽¹⁾ Both of you, for work as well as dressing up and finish.⁽²⁾

7. Demons have been burnt and so are burnt the enemies. Demons have come to grief and so have the enemies come to grief.⁽¹⁾ Now I move freely in the vast mid-space.⁽²⁾

8. O Lord, you are the destroyer. Destroy the destroyer. Destroy him who wants to destroy us. Destroy him, whom we try to destroy.⁽¹⁾ Of all gods, you are the greatest bestower of blisses, best purifier, ablest preceptor, most welcome and, therefore, most worthy of worship by the learned.⁽²⁾

9. O Lord, you are the receiver of oblations free from crookedness. Be steady. Do not totter; nor may this sacrificer forsake you.⁽¹⁾ Let the all pervading Lord approach you.⁽²⁾ For abundant wind.⁽³⁾ May the demons be driven away.⁽⁴⁾ Let it be grasped by the five.⁽⁵⁾

10. O sacrificial material, at the impulsion of the Creator God, with the arms of the healers and with the hands of the nourisher;⁽¹⁾ I take you, that are pleasing to the adorable Lord.⁽²⁾ I take you, that are pleasing to the Lord adorable and blissful both.⁽³⁾

11. O sacrificial fire, I invoke you for the happiness of all and not for miseries.⁽¹⁾ May I see the celestial light on all sides.⁽²⁾ May our houses be firm on the earth.⁽³⁾ Whereas I travel in the vast mid-space.⁽⁴⁾ I place you in the navel of the earth and in the lap of the Eternity. Guard the sacrificial material.⁽⁵⁾

12. O waters divine (O physical and mental activities), both of you (those on the earth and those in the clouds) belong to all-pervading God.⁽¹⁾ At the impulsion of the impeller Lord, I purify you with sun's rays as if a strainer without pores.⁽²⁾ Flowing forward and purifying forward, now lead this sacrifice forward as well as the sacrificer, who is of good character and devoted to gods.⁽³⁾

13. At the time of struggle against ignorance, the resplendent Lord selected you and at the same time you selected the resplendent Lord.⁽¹⁾ You have been consecrated.⁽²⁾ I sprinkle you to be favoured by the adorable Lord.⁽³⁾ I sprinkle you to be favoured by the Lord adorable and blissful.⁽⁴⁾ For this divine function, for pleasing gods, get purified. Whatever part of yours has become impure by pollution, that I hereby purify.⁽⁵⁾

14. You are the bestower of happiness.⁽¹⁾ The evil powers have been driven away and so are the inimical tendencies.⁽²⁾ You are the skin of the eternity. May the eternity receive you.⁽³⁾ You are the cloud, nourisher of vegetation. You are the broad-based cloud. May the skin of eternity receive you.⁽⁴⁾

15. You are the fire embodied and the source of speech. I take you up for satisfaction of Nature's bounties.⁽¹⁾ You are a big cloud nourisher of vegetation.⁽²⁾ Now prepare oblation for Nature's bounties.⁽³⁾ Prepare it carefully. O offerer of oblations, come; O offerer of oblations, come here. ⁽⁴⁾

16. O God, you are a cock with a sweet tongue. Crow aloud for bringing food and vigour to us. With your assistance may we win each and every battle.⁽¹⁾ You are old in years.⁽²⁾ May the old in years receive you.⁽³⁾ Evil powers have been thrown back and thrown back are the inimical tendencies.⁽⁴⁾ Evil powers have been defeated.⁽⁵⁾ May the wind disperse you.⁽⁶⁾ May the golden-handed sun receive you with hands without a leak.⁽⁷⁾

17. O fire, you are superb.⁽¹⁾ Discard the fire that cooks food; discard the fire that consumes corpses.⁽²⁾ Bring the one that carries oblations to Nature's bounties.⁽³⁾ You are steady. Make this earth steady. You are pleasing to men of intellect, pleasing to men of defence and to other persons like us.-I place you here for destruction of our enemy.⁽⁴⁾

18. O fire divine, protect men of intellect.⁽¹⁾ You are the sustainer. Make the mid-space firm. You are pleasing to men of intellect; pleasing to men of defence and to other persons like us. I place you here for the destruction of our enemy.⁽²⁾ You are the support. Make the heaven steady. You are pleasing to men of intellect; pleasing to men of defence and other persons like us. I place you here for destruction of the enemy.⁽³⁾ I place you here for protection of all the regions.⁽⁴⁾ **Q**fires, you have been piled up, piled up high.⁽⁵⁾ Blaze with the force of the cosmic elements and of all cosmic breath.⁽⁶⁾

19. O Lord, you are the source of happiness.⁽¹⁾ Evil powers have been driven away and so are the inimical tendencies.⁽²⁾ You are the skin of the eternity. May eternity receive you.⁽³⁾ You are the speech full of knowledge. May the skin of Eternity receive you.⁽⁴⁾ You are the support of the celestial worlds.⁽⁵⁾ You are the speech full of knowledge. May the speech full of knowledge receive you.⁽⁶⁾

20. You are foodgrain. Feed the sense organs.⁽¹⁾ We cherish you for in-breath.⁽²⁾ You for out-breath;⁽³⁾ and for diffused breath.⁽⁴⁾ We take you for getting a long and energetic life span. May the golden-handed sun receive you with his hands without a leak.⁽⁵⁾ We cherish you for good eye-sight.⁽⁶⁾ You are the essence of sublime faculties.⁽⁷⁾

21. At the impulsion of the Creator God, with arms of the healers and hands of the nourisher,⁽¹⁾ I sow you.⁽²⁾ May the waters mix with herbs and the herbs with saps. May the waters mix with medicines and the sweet tasting waters with sweet tasting medicines.⁽³⁾

22. I mix you for an easy delivery.⁽¹⁾ This of the adorable Lord.⁽²⁾ This of the Lord adorable and blissful.⁽³⁾ I invoke you for food.⁽⁴⁾ You are heat and warmth and bestower of longevity on all.⁽⁵⁾ Expanding far and wide, may you expand farther and wider. May you make the sacrificer prosper far and wide.⁽⁶⁾ May fire not injure your skin.⁽⁷⁾ May the Creator God cause you to ripen in the highest heaven.⁽⁸⁾

23. Don't be frightened; don't waver.⁽¹⁾ May the sacrificer be not depressing and the offspring of the sacrificer also be not languid.⁽²⁾ I dedicate you for trinity.⁽³⁾ You for duality.⁽⁴⁾ You for unity.⁽⁵⁾

24. At the impulsion of the Creator God, I take you with arms of the healers and hands of the nourisher to perform sacrifice for Nature's bounties.⁽¹⁾ You are the right hand of the resplendent Lord, capable of killing thousands of enemies, glittering with hundreds of lustres. You are the wind of fierce power, killer of malicious.⁽²⁾

25. O earth, the place of divine worship, may I not destroy the root of your herbs.⁽¹⁾ Go to pen, the cow-shed.⁽²⁾ May heaven send rain for you.⁽³⁾ O Creator God, here on this earth, bind with a hundred fetters the enemy, who is hostile to us and whom we hate. Don't you release him from the same.⁽⁴⁾

26. May I drive away the devilish enemy from this earth, the place of divine worship.⁽¹⁾ Go to the pen, the cow-shed.⁽²⁾ May heaven send rain for you.⁽³⁾ O creator God, here on this earth bind with a hundred fetters the enemy, who is hostile to us and whom we hate. Don't you release him from the same.⁽⁴⁾ O devilish enemy, may you not attain light and bliss.⁽⁵⁾ May your progeny also be deprived of light and bliss.⁽⁶⁾ Go to the pen, the cow-shed.⁽⁷⁾ May heaven send rain for you.⁽⁸⁾ O Creator God, here on this earth bind with a hundred fetters the enemy, who is hostile to us and whom we hate. Don't you release him from the same.⁽⁹⁾

27. O earth, I surround you with the *gāyatrī* metre.⁽¹⁾ I encompass you with the *triṣṭubh* metre.⁽²⁾ I enclose you with the *jagatī* metre.⁽³⁾ You are the earth, beautiful, propitious.⁽⁴⁾ You are pleasing and a good seat to rest upon.⁽⁵⁾ You are full of invigorating foods and milk.⁽⁶⁾

28. O mighty God, in anticipation of the struggle for existence on this life-bestowing earth, this is, as if, raised to the pleasure-giving moon by accumulating food and comforts. The sages perform sacrifice with the same aim in view.⁽¹⁾ Bring here the sprinkling water.⁽²⁾ You are the death of the hateful enemy.⁽³⁾

29. Evil powers have been burnt and so are burnt the inimical tendencies.⁽¹⁾ Evil powers have come to grief and so have the inimical tendencies come to grief.⁽²⁾ You (the sacrificer) are not of violent temper, still you destroy the enemies. Full of vigour you are. I purify you for the glory of the vigour.⁽³⁾ Evil powers have been burnt and so are burnt the inimical tendencies.⁽⁴⁾ Evil powers have come to grief and so have the inimical tendencies come to grief.⁽⁵⁾ You (the wife of the sacrificer) are not of violent temper, still you destroy the enemies. Full of vigour you are. I purify you for the glory of vigour.⁽⁶⁾

30. You are the girdle of the earth.⁽¹⁾ You are the waist-belt of the sun.⁽²⁾ I wear you for vigour.⁽³⁾ I look at you with pleased eyes. You are the tongue of fire. For me become a good invoker of Nature's bounties at every place in every sacrifice.⁽⁴⁾

31. At the impulsion of the Creator God, I purify you with the sun's rays, the strainer without pores.⁽¹⁾ At the impulsion of the Creator God, I purify you with sun's rays, the strainer without pores.⁽²⁾ You are the brilliance; you are the splendour; you are the nectar.⁽³⁾ You are the beloved and unconquered home of the Nature's bounties and you are the means of their worship.⁽⁴⁾